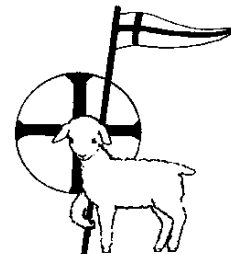


Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 5th April 2020 Palm Sunday



Traditionally, on Palm Sunday, we walk in procession through the village, carrying palm crosses, behind a donkey, singing hymns. We publicly proclaim Jesus as our King. But this year it is different. There is no procession. We cannot carry our palms or follow the donkey.

How then can we acknowledge our King? On this Palm Sunday, he is still among us, not riding on a donkey, but in the faces of those around us, in the sick and the lonely and the isolated and the afraid. In the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves, there are many ways in which we can serve one another, as we serve Christ. We can't go visiting, but we can still reach out with words of friendship and support, by telephone, in letters, or online. Those of us who are not confined to our homes can help in practical ways. All of us can pray.

We can't process this year, but we don't have to abandon the symbolism of the palm crosses. Those of you who are able to join us online for our Palm Sunday service are invited to have with you a representation of a palm or a cross: foliage from the garden, or a paper 'palm,' or a cross cut from paper or card, or something else. We encourage you to hold up your symbol at the point in the service when we would normally hold up our palm crosses for the prayer in which we dedicate ourselves to follow Christ, our King. These symbols serve as reminders of Christ's victory over death, and of his promise of eternal life.

As we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we hold on to that promise, to sustain us at this time of uncertainty and anxiety. I pray that you will all know his love and his peace in your lives.

Canon Judy Anderson

Links for all our online services are listed overleaf, and on our website.

9.30am Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Tina Fox

Hymns: All glory, laud and honour (NEH 509); Give me oil in my lamp; Ride on, ride on in majesty (NEH 511)

Do join us via Zoom for the service, which will include a live donkey, Zephyr, originally bred for Palm Sunday.

Services during Holy Week

Our daily services continue as normal up to and including Evening Prayer on Thursday.

Compline will be said at 8.30pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thursday 9 April at 7.30pm Passover Commemoration for Maundy Thursday

We hope that you will join us for this special service – information is appended at the end of this newsletter.

Friday 10th April at 2.00pm Stations of the Cross for Good Friday

A quiet and thoughtful service in which we contemplate our Lord's journey to the cross.

Next Sunday, 12th April Easter Day

9.30am Benefice Communion

Palm Sunday

The Gospel of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

The Passion Gospel: Matthew 27.11-54

A Prayer for use during the Covid-19 Coronavirus Outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Services online in the Nadder Valley Benefice

You are very welcome to join us online via Zoom for any of our services, using these links:

Sundays at 09.30	Benefice Communion (CW)	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/523852423
Mon 08.30, Tues-Thur 0800	Morning Prayer	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/693769788
Wednesdays at 10:00	Holy Communion (CW)	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/693769788
Mon-Thur at 17.30	Evening Prayer	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/729945400

Special weekday services for Holy Week

Sun-Wed and Fri at 8.30pm	Compline	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/627585409
Thursday at 7.30pm	Passover Commemoration	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/627585409
Friday at 2.00pm	Stations of the Cross	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/627585409

The orders of service for Morning and Evening Prayer and Compline (Night Prayer) can be found online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The orders of service for Benefice Communion / Holy Communion can be obtained via email from the parish administrator (contact details below).

If you need support

As always, the Revd Juliette Hulme (Parish Priest) is available to give pastoral and spiritual support (contact details below)

Tisbury Neighbourhood Response may be phoned on 01747 684010

Other useful numbers with trained listeners:

The Samaritans	116 123 (calls are free)
Silverline (age 55+)	0800 4 70 80 90 (calls are free)

Prayer requests

We continue to pray for all affected in any way by Covid-19. If there is someone for whom you would particularly like prayer for this or any other reason, please contact either Juliette or Judy (see below). If you would like us to pray for them during one of the online services, please obtain their consent for this. Or we can hold them in our private prayers.

Children's Holiday Workshop – Tuesday 7th April

A virtual "Workshop at Home" set of resources has been prepared. For details, and to join in, please contact either Revd Jo Naish on revdjoannanaish@gmail.com or Revd Elaine Brightwell on elainebri57@gmail.com

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From the Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Team Rector

Maundy Thursday Passover Re-enactment at 7 30 p.m. on 9th April

On Maundy Thursday, it is not uncommon for churches members to wash each other's feet as they remember the Last Supper and Jesus instituting the Holy Communion.

Perhaps the thing we so often miss is that these events took place within the context of a shared meal. This year, as we are each self-isolating in our separate homes, might it not be a good idea for us to remember Jesus sharing the Passover meal with his disciples as we welcome him into our homes and lives at this time of crisis and isolation?

So that you can make the necessary preparations, here is a Passover Re-enactment Checklist, which you can use to prepare your table at home:

1. Each table will need:
 - a) Two candles and matches
 - b) Small bowl of water/small towel for hand washing (your preferred hand sanitiser too!)
 - c) Small bowl of salted water, for dipping karpas (sweet herbs)
 - d) Small bowl of haroseth (a mixture of grated apple, mixed with chopped nuts, adding cinnamon to taste and enough grape juice/wine to make a coarse, dry mixture.)
 - e) Small bowl of grated horseradish (fresh or from a jar), or sprigs of bitter herbs such as lettuce, chicory, or rocket.
 - f) sprigs of karpas sufficient for each person, such as parsley or celery
 - g) 1-2 bottles of wine/ grape juice, depending on numbers
 - h) Bread (ideally, this should be unleavened – such as pitta bread or even Cream Crackers—but whatever you have)
 - i) a meal prepared and ready for eating or simply your favourite snacks, both savoury and sweet (you may wish to bear in mind that lamb has not been eaten during a Jewish Passover celebration since the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, nor are dishes of meat and dairy products cooked together).

Please feel free to improvise if you don't have all the listed components!

- 2 Each place setting will need:
 - a) Wine glass
 - b) The usual plates, bowls, and cutlery.
 - c) *N.B.* There is an ancient Jewish tradition of always setting an extra place.

A printable copy of the Passover Haggadah (the order of service) will be emailed to you when available.